<u>Significant Dates in ADL's Founding</u>

May 1908 **Sigmund Livingston presents B'nai B'rith with the idea of a standing committee to address the problem of defamation of Jews**

Sigmund Livingston urges the Midwest District Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith to establish a standing committee to consider the problem of defamation of Jews. Livingston is named chairman and soon announces his plan for the committee, saying "The beginning of the solution to the problem must be publicity." Livingston's committee was called the Publicity Bureau, a name soon changed to Publicity Committee.

July 10, 1913 **The Anti-Defamation League name is presented for the first time; its creation is approved by B'nai B'rith**

During the forty-fifth annual convention of B'nai B'rith District Grand Lodge No. 6 Sigmund Livingston proposes, with the backing of members of the Publicity Committee, the establishment of an "anti-defamation league." The event was held at Ottawa Beach, Michigan from July 7-10, 1913.

Sigmund Livingston reported to the gathering: "Your committee has thought it advisable and submit for your consideration the following plan: that we organize an Anti-Defamation League, to be composed of Jewish men and women, membership to which shall be had by merely applying therefor or signing a membership card and without any monetary obligations."

The Convention's Committee on Publicity responded: "The plan which is suggested for attracting large numbers into the ranks of such an organization elicits our hearty approval."

In the months following B'nai B'rith's approval, Livingston, aided by International Order of B'nai B'rith President Adolph Kraus and other B'nai B'rith officers, began the task of putting together the platform of the organization and leadership for the Anti-Defamation League of America.

October, 1913 **The first organizational meeting of the Anti-Defamation League is held in Chicago**

After three months of intense preparatory work, the first organizational meeting of the Anti-Defamation League is held in Chicago. The organization's establishment is announced in the B'nai B'rith News, along with a reprint of its charter.



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